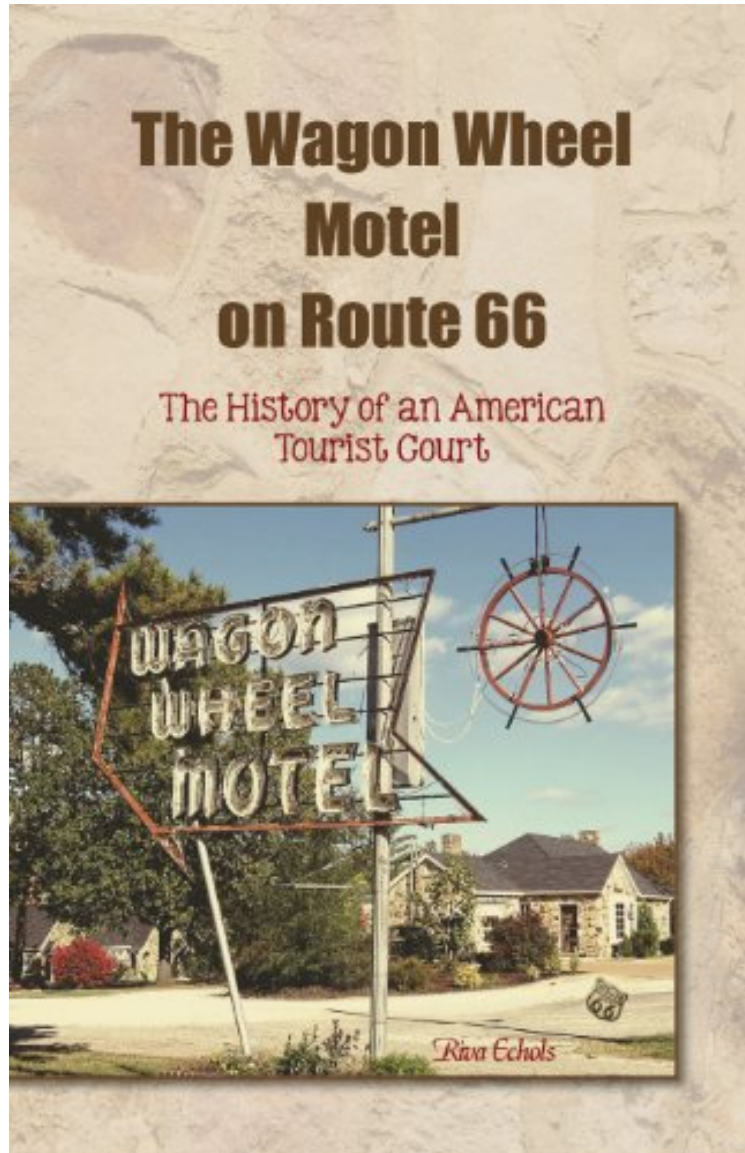


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staff of the Wagon Wheel also make an appearance in the book to provide personal histories of the motel, cafe, and garage buildings. Riva Echols is particularly suited to write about the Wagon Wheel Motel and Cafe because her sister Connie purchased the Route 66 Historic Landmark in 2009 and beautifully restored it with style and reverence for its past. Many photos and details about the buildings' architecture give a real glimpse into the Route 66 roadside motels of the past.

The history of the motel begins with new car owners of the 1900s and their passion to drive. Route 66 replaced the mud and gravel roads of that period and accommodations changed from roadside camping to elite tourist courts such as the Wagon Wheel Motel in Cuba, Missouri. Its incredible stone design has endured 75 years and it has earned a spot on the National Register of Historic Places. There are over 100 pages of text and pictures, both historical and current that follows all of the owners through decades of changes, hardships, war, sadness, and results of the recent restoration.